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In Re Application of

**RHONDA TRACY**

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For: **DISPOSABLE DIAPER WITH  
PADDED WAISTBAND  
AND PADDED LEGHOLES**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

**In the Claims:**

Cancel claims 1-6

please add the following new claims:

- 1 7. A disposable diaper comprising:
- 2 a body portion having two enlarged end portions and a narrowed intermediate portion
- 3 therebetween, the body portion being shaped so that said diaper may extend about a waist and
- 4 crotch of a wearer and have an inside and an outside with respect to the wearer;
- 5 each end portion having a respective waistband portion at an edge thereof so that when
- 6 the diaper is worn, the waistband portions gird the waist of the wearer;
- 7 at least two body-portion layers including a layer of liquid-absorbent material and a
- 8 plastic layer having an edge at the edge of the diaper;
- 9 a soft padding member located along at least one of said waistband portions, being
- 10 adjacent to said plastic layer edge, the soft padding member being distinct from all of said body-

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